

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of Ishikawa et al., US 6,261,247 B1 (hereinafter referred to as "*Ishikawa*").

Claims 8-10 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of *Ishikawa* as applied to Claims 1-6 and 11-15 as discussed previously, and in further view of Mohri, US 6,515,669 B1 (hereinafter referred to as "*Mohri*").

Claim 5 is objected as introducing a new matter into the disclosure.

With this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1 and 11 by incorporating the inventive features of claims 6 and 14, respectively. Accordingly, claims 6 and 14 are canceled. Claims 7-10 and 15-18 are amended as their dependency is changed from claims 6 and 14 to claims 1 and 11, respectively.

Therefore, claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

I. Analysis of Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

While the input device disclosed in *Daniel* may be embodied in a virtual keyboard (paragraph [0041]), amended claim 1 is distinguished from *Daniel* in that the claimed finger-motion detecting unit is configured in the form of a switch and is adapted to generate a finger-motion signal when the switch is turned on.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and corresponding method claim 11 are patentable over *Daniel* in view of *Ishikawa*.

Accordingly, claims 2-5 and 7-10 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1, and claims 12-13 and 15-18 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 11.

II. Analysis of the Claim Objection

The Examiner alleges claim 5 introduces a new matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position, however.

It should be noted that Figs. 2A through 5 of the application clearly depict the configuration of the coil unit which is wound about a finger. The existing specification (e.g., 1st sentence of paragraph 29 of the specification) also describes that a user puts the coil on a finger.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 should not be prohibited as a new matter.

V. Conclusion

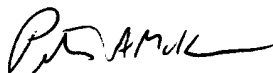
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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